(c) The steps taken to curb crime by the terrorists include intensification of the police patrolling; stationing of additional Police pickets at vulnerable and strategic points; strengthening of security arrangements at various missions, embassies residences of diplomats; house-to-house survey of suburban and remote areas to preclude the possibility of terrorists taking shelter in them; display of photographs of terrorists in public places; educating the public through media not to touch suspicious objects and to remain vigilant.

Working schedule of ONGC

581. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the ONGC have at present both the 5-day and 6-day week schedule;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the work schedule was approved by the Department of Personnel; and

(d) whether it is a fact that this schedule has affected the efficiency and working of the Commission and if so, what remedial measures Govt. have taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) This is with a view to provide flexibility as required.

(c) The Commission is competent to take such decision.

(d) No, Sir.

New Environment Policy

582. SHRI JAGADISH JANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have approved the new Environment Policy;

(b) if so, what are the salient features thereof; and

(c) what is the date from which the new policy is likely to become effective?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI KAMAL NATH): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Public Investment Board for proposed Oil Refinery at Numaligarh in Assam

583. SHRI BHADRESWAR BURAGOHAIN: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have constituted the PIB (Public Investment Board) for the proposed oil refinery at Numaligarh in Assam; and

(b) what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI B. SHANKARANAND): (a) and (b) The proposal of oil refinery at Numaligarh in Assam is under the consideration of PIB.

Criticism of O.N.G.C.

584. SHRI MENTAY PADMANABHAM: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news item published in the Financial Express dated 1st November, 1991 under the caption 'steps to increase oil output by 8 million tons' regarding criticism of O.N.G.C.;